GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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RUSSIAN AID IN ATOMIC ENERGY
Wanaga Shri Chintaman Navsha

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed to take assistance from Russia in the field of Atomic Energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether discussion on the matter was held during the BRICS Summit held in Brazil recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. An Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) between the erstwhile USSR and India was signed in 1988 for supply of two Light Water Reactors (LWRs) each of 1000 MW for Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu. The first unit of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KKNPP) achieved first criticality on 13.07.2013. An IGA for additional nuclear power plant units at Kudankulam was signed on 05 December 2008. Further, a broad-based IGA between India and Russia on Cooperation in the use of Atomic Energy for Peaceful Purposes was signed on 12 March 2010. In December 2010, a MoU was signed for broader scientific and technical cooperation in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy.

(c)&(d) The Prime Minister of India and the President of Russia discussed cooperation in civil nuclear energy during a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Brazil, on July 15, 2014. Both leaders expressed appreciation at the positive progress achieved in Kudankulam Units 1 & 2, and also discussed ideas for strengthening cooperation in the area of civil nuclear energy.